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Re: Docket Number FRA-2004-17445 - 4

Dear Sirs:

On July 14, 2004, the Federal Railroad Administration approved the Canadian National-Illinois Central Railroad block signal application, Docket Number FRA-2004-17445.

The application seeks approval of the proposed modification of the manual interlocking at Southport Junction, milepost 908.6, on the McComb Subdivision, Gulf Division, near Southport, Louisiana. The proposed changes consist of the conversion of the No. 5 power-operated switch at Shell Lube to hand operation, removal of the 4LB absolute signal for northward movement from the Shell Lube track, and relocation of the 4LA absolute signal approximately 400 feet north of its present location on the switching track.

Sincerely,

Grady C. Cothen, Jr.
Acting Associate Administrator for Safety

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